

The
Village
of *Walnut Creek*

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The Village of Walnut Creek Council met in Regular Session, March 23rd, 2016 at 7:30 PM, 103 Village Drive.

PRESENT:

Mayor Danny Jackson

Councilwoman Cyndi Dupuy

Attorney Phil Baddour

Clerk/Asst. Administrator Sharon Geelen

Absent: Councilman Mike Daly

Mayor Pro-Tem Greg Ricker

Councilman Pete Benton

Police Chief, Ken Barrett

Residents in attendance: Russ Prys, Dan Wise, John Seegars, Steve Lamb, Bob Julian, and Ralph Smiley

Mayor Jackson called the meeting to order and Councilman Benton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Danny Jackson provided the opening prayer.

Mayor Jackson asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Mayor Pro-Tem Ricker asked to add “consult with the Attorney regarding real property acquisition” to the closed session. Mayor Pro-Tem Ricker moved to approve the agenda with that change. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Pro-Tem Ricker asked Mrs. Geelen to prepare a budget amendment for the April meeting. Mayor Pro-Tem Ricker moved to approve the February Minutes and Finance Report. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

Steve Lamb expressed concern regarding the lane to exit Highway 70 E and turn into Walnut Creek. He asked the council to please check with the NCDOT to see if the lane can be widened as he believes it is a safety issue.

Ralph Smiley thanked the Village and their staff for correcting the water and sewer issues between 419 & 421 Dogwood Trail.

Clerk/Administrative Report:

Mrs. Geelen announced some dates to remember:

- The Village Office and Maintenance Department will be closed on Friday March 25th for Good Friday

- Easter Sunrise Service will be March 27th at 7:00am. All are welcome to attend. There will be refreshments served on the patio at the country club after the service
- March 28th, Budget Meeting at the Town Hall at 5pm, open to the public
- The spring trash moratorium will be held April 2nd-9th
- May 14th 2016 4-6pm, The 6th Annual Village Picnic

Mrs. Geelen briefed the council on outstanding property taxes.

Mrs. Geelen told the council she had a request from Piper's Promise to hold their annual 5K on September 17th around 8:30am. They have been holding it here in the Village for the past several years. The council approved the request.

Police Chief Report:

Chief Barrett reported at the last Crime Watch Meeting Ken Edwards spoke on the concealed carry law changes. Chief Barrett said the next Crime Watch Meeting will be held on April 12th at 7pm at the Town Hall.

Chief Barrett said the Seymour Johnson EOD 5K run will be held on April 2nd.

The Chief also said 40 people attended a concealed carry class held on February 27th.

Chief Barrett stated prom season is starting. The department has a list of the proms from the country club and will be staffed accordingly.

Council Members Comments: None

Committee Reports:

Mayor Pro-Tem Ricker: Water & Sewer, Lake Committee, Audit

Mayor Pro-Tem Ricker briefed the council on a tree root intrusion issue in the sewer line between 419 & 421 Dogwood Trail. He also said there was a water main line break this month. Mayor Pro-Tem Ricker said the flow meter at the main pump station that pumps the Village sewage to Goldsboro has been malfunctioning and will need to be replaced. Mr. Ricker also said the Village maintenance staff is continuing to test the water that we are buying from Wayne Water District.

Councilwoman Dupuy: Village Owned Property

Councilwoman Dupuy briefed the council on the drainage issue at 907 Mill Road. She stated a drop inlet box would not work because the existing drainage line is five feet below ground and filled with roots. Her recommendation is the Village possibly dig a ditch between 907 and 911 Mill Road once it dries up some.

Councilman Benton- Pete Benton: Cable TV, Trash & Recycling

Councilman Benton shared a letter from Suddenlink regarding the fact they will no longer be carrying the WRAL network.

Councilman Daly: Police, Planning Board, Insurance- not present

Old Business: None

New Business:

Mrs. Geelen told the council a representative from IMPACT Wayne had contacted her regarding the Village pledging an annual donation as our previous pledge is expiring this year. After some discussion the council asked Mrs. Geelen to ask if the Village can make their pledge but have the ability to adjust the amount of the donation based on each year's budget.

Announcements & Correspondence: None

Mayor Pro-Tem Ricker moved to go into closed session to talk to Attorney Baddour about the acquisition of real property and a personnel matter. The motion passed unanimously.

Closed Session:

The council came out of closed session. Mayor Pro-Tem Ricker moved that Sharon Geelen will continue to be the Assistant Administrator acting with the authority of the Village Administrator, to conduct matters on behalf of the Village until further notice. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment:

With no further business to bring before the Council, the meeting was adjourned.

Clerk/Asst Administrator, Sharon Geelen

Mayor Danny Jackson